



REMARKS

This application relates to methods and formulations for protecting solid-state proteins from the effects of ionizing radiation, which comprise combining the protein with a radiation-protecting amount of methoxysalicylaldehyde derivatives and isopropanol prior to exposing the protein to ionizing radiation.

The claims pending in this application number 1 to 23. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claims 3 to 6 and 12 to 23.

Claims 1 and 7 continue to be rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Carden in view of Pelle et al or Bernstein. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's allegation, however, strictly in an effort to advance prosecution, Applicant has now amended the claims to specify that the methoxysalicylaldehyde is 3-methoxysalicylaldehyde. It is believed no new matter has been added by such amendments, which are fully supported in the specification.

This application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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